



Celebrating Children's Book Week @ the library!

Children from Swan Hill South Kindergarten brought the magic of storytelling to life as they visited Swan Hill Library dressed as their favourite book characters. As part of Children's Book Week celebrations, the preschoolers enjoyed a lively session of songs, rhymes, and storytelling. They also took part in a fun, bus-themed craft activity inspired by the CBCA-shortlisted book *We Live On A Bus!*

Robinvale Library was filled with laughter and creativity as families and children gathered to celebrate Book Week. The day featured a special storytime, playful songs, and an engaging octopus-themed craft activity. Children and adults were encouraged to wear their favourite costumes, adding extra colour and excitement to the event. The celebration was made even more special with a nourishing morning tea kindly provided by [Robinvale District Health Services, Early Years Programs](#).



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AFL Grand Final Eve:

Swan Hill Library will be closed on Friday, 26 September.

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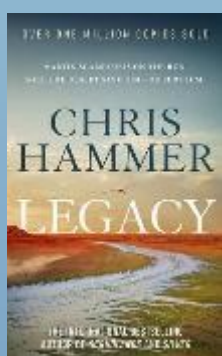
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The Secret of Secrets
Dan Brown

Sharpe Force
Patricia Cornwell

Circle of Days
Ken Follett

The Picasso Heist
James Patterson



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Chris Hammer

Dark Horse
Felix Francis

The Long Night
Christian White

The Hallmarked Man
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The Road Trip
Tricia Stringer



BorrowBox e-audiobook of the month

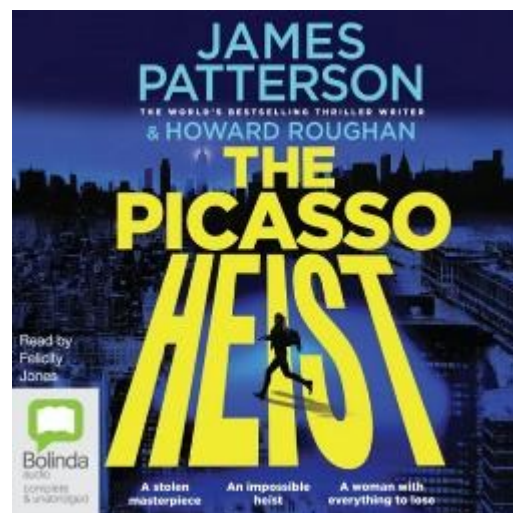
The Picasso Heist
James Patterson

A rare masterpiece by Picasso is about to go to auction, and the whole world is watching.

But bright art student Halston Graham sees an opportunity. One that could secure millions for her future – and freedom for her wrongly imprisoned father ...

To pull off the crime of the century, she must assemble an unlikely crack team: an expert in forgery, a ruthless mob boss and an eccentric fashion designer.

In a game where trust is a luxury and failure is not an option, will Halston's brilliance be enough to outsmart her enemies?



Featured BorrowBox e-book for September



It's never too late for a new beginning.

The [BorrowBox](#) campaign title for September is the e-book *The Seachangers*, by Meredith Appleyard.

The Seachangers is a book about finding love later in life.

It's also about change and grief and broken dreams. And about finding happiness with a different life than the one you expected.

For the month of September, simultaneous borrowers can read this title at the same time - perfect for book clubs!

Find out what's happening at the Library



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uLibrary e-audio book of the month

The JFK Conspiracy

Brad Meltzer & Josh Mensch

From the New York Times bestselling authors of *The Nazi*

Conspiracy comes a true, little-known story about the first assassination attempt on John F. Kennedy, right before his inauguration.

Kennedy was infamously assassinated in 1963, ending his historic presidency. But what most people don't know is that JFK's story almost ended before it began – at the hands of a disgruntled sociopathic loner armed with dynamite.

On December 11, 1960, shortly after Kennedy's election and before his inauguration, retired postal worker,



Richard Pavlick, waited in his parked Buick on a quiet street in Palm Beach, Florida. Pavlick had a simple plan – one that almost changed the course of history.

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Available the last seven days of each month, Bonus Borrows are the perfect opportunity for members to explore new authors, genres, series, and formats. Even if you've used all your borrows, you can still enjoy great content on *hoopla*.

Book Chat

Open to people aged 16+, the Book Chat group meets at the Library every second Wednesday of the month, 7pm-8.30pm.

Knitter Knatters

Knit, crochet, sew & chat! Every Tuesday morning from 10am-12pm.

Jigsaw Club

Open to people aged 16+, the Jigsaw Club meets every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm.

Scrabble club

The Scrabble Club meets every Tuesday, from 2pm to 4pm.

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Discussion and writing group.

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 11.30 am.

Toy Library

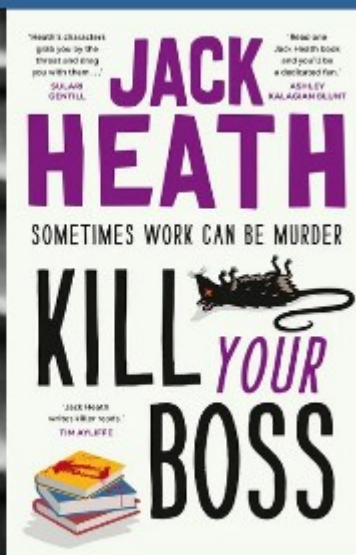
Borrow toys and educational resources for babies, toddlers and children.

Fridays: 11am to 12pm

Saturday: 10am to 11.30 am

First Wednesday of the month, 11am to 12pm

Contact Sharyn on 0427 847486.



JACK HEATH - AUTHOR TALK

Join us for an unmissable event with bestselling author Jack Heath, a novelist from Canberra, whose gripping stories have captivated readers of all ages across the globe. With a writing career that began when he was nineteen years old and now with forty books under his belt—including the high-octane children's series *300 Minutes of Danger*, the darkly comic adult crime hits *Kill Your Husbands* and *Kill Your Brother*, and the chilling Timothy Blake series starting with *Hangman*—Jack's work has sold over half a million copies in ten languages.

Known for his sharp wit, relentless suspense, and ability to cross genres, Jack writes for children, young adults, and adults alike. His latest novel, *Kill Your Boss*, is set for release this November and promises to be another page-turner.

Come along to hear about his creative process, the stories behind the stories, and what's next from this dynamic storyteller!

Books will be available for sale and signing on the night, courtesy of Collins Booksellers Swan Hill.

Where: Swan Hill Library
Date: Wednesday, 10 September
Time: 7pm
Cost: FREE

Bookings are preferred, please contact the library on 03 5036 2480 or email library@swanhill.vic.gov.au

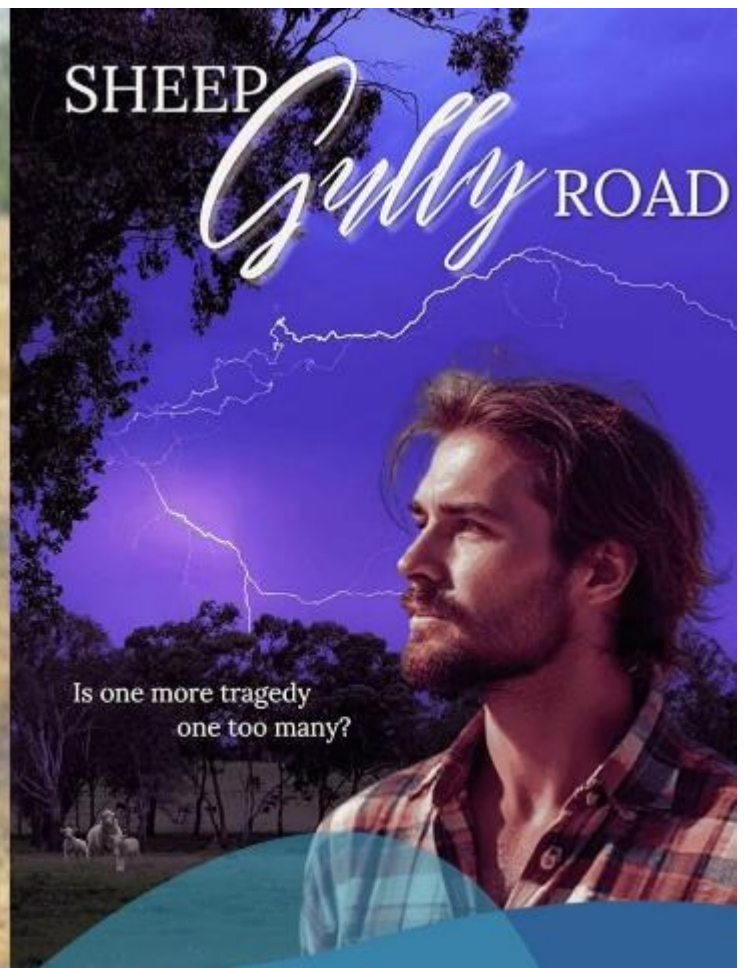


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In Conversation with Author Laurelle Cousins

Join us for a heartwarming conversation with Laurelle Cousins, author of 'The Lonely Paddock' and her latest novel, 'Sheep Gully Road'. Set in the Western District of Victoria, and with themes of family, community, farming and romance, Laurelle's stories resonate with readers who cherish country life.

Laurelle is a country girl through and through. A lifelong animal lover, she has bred pedigree rabbits, working kelpies, and now raises superfine merino sheep. For three months of the year, she works as a wool classer — the rest of the time, you'll find her writing, enjoying coffee and cake with friends, battling weeds in the garden, or baking up a storm.

Where: Swan Hill Library - 53 Campbell Street, Swan Hill

When: Wednesday 8 October, 7 pm.

Bookings preferred. Contact the Swan Hill Library on 5036 2480 or email library@swanhillvic.gov.au

Book signing & sales available, cash or Eftpos.



What's happening at Swan Hill Library these School Holidays...

Library activities are available 22 September - 3 October 2025

To book, contact the library on 5036 2480. Check the Library's Facebook page or newsletter for more details.



Creation Station - All holidays

Open Daily: 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM | FREE | Suitable for children of all ages

Visit the Creation Station in the children's area of the library during the school holidays! Let your creativity run wild as you draw, cut, paste, colour, and craft with a variety of materials. Explore activity booklets, build unique creations, and discover the fun of working with recycled items like wool, fabric, coloured paper, and more! It's the perfect place for children to unleash their imagination!



The Amazing Race Search & Find - All holidays

All holidays | FREE | Suitable for children 5 - 12

These school holidays, search the library for hidden Amazing Race themed posters! Find them all to score a reward and go in the draw to win a \$50 Swan Hill Gift Card! Winner drawn Tuesday, 7 October 2025. Ready, set...race! *Proudly sponsored by Swan Hill Inc.*

PS. Swan Hill Inc. is also delivering an Amazing Race! A fun, family-friendly activity these September school holidays, encouraging families to get out, explore local businesses, and enjoy the adventure together. Keep an ear out on Mixx FM 107.7 and 3SH for all the latest race updates!



Build, Battle, & Blast Off: Minecraft & VR Fun - Mon, 22 & 29 Sept

1 - 4pm | FREE | Suitable for children 5 - 18

Join us for an afternoon of Minecraft fun! Play in Survival or Creative mode - explore, build, or break things apart. This child-friendly game sparks imagination and creativity, just like digital LEGO!



Kids Create: Smoothies - Tues, 23 Sept.

2 - 3pm | FREE | Suitable for children ages 2 - 5

Join Swan Hill District Community Health for this healthy, hands-on activity. Children will enjoy listening to a beautiful children's story before making some yummy smoothies!

Bookings essential.



Brick by Brick: Build Your Imagination - Wed, 24 Sept & 1 Oct

2 - 4pm | FREE | Suitable for children 3 - 18

Come along and enjoy the fun with our free Lego @ the Library sessions these school holidays! Complete one of the many challenges or enjoy free-play using your imagination to make a fantastic creation for a chance to win a prize!



Get Creative with Loom Bands - Wed, 24 Sept & 1 Oct

2 - 4pm | FREE | Suitable for children 7 +

Join us for two free loom band sessions these school holidays! Whether you're a beginner or have already mastered the art of loom band crafting, come along and create some amazing jewellery and crafts. We'll provide everything you need, including loom bands, boards, and hooks, to make your own creations!

 - Youth friendly activities and workshops. **Please note:** Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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Paint & Play: Wind Chime Creations with Bunnings - Thurs 25 Sept

10:30 - 11:30am | **FREE** | Suitable for children ages 3-12

Add colour, creativity, and music to your world by building and painting your very own wind chime! This fun craft lets you decorate these cute-as-a-bug wooden designs with bright paints and your imagination! Once it's dry, hang it up and listen as your colourful creation dances in the breeze with gentle, happy sounds. A great project for little artists who love to create and hear their art sing!

[Bookings essential.](#)



Little Builder's Toolbox Time - Tues 30 Sept

10:30 - 11:30am | **\$8** | Suitable for children ages 5 -12

Join the Swan Hill Woodworkers Club and the Nyah Men's Shed for a fun, hands-on activity where kids can build their very own wooden toolbox! With help from friendly experts, you'll hammer, nail, and assemble a real toolbox. A great way to learn new skills, get creative, and take home something useful and awesome!

[Bookings essential.](#)



Build-a-Bot: Micro:bit Adventures - a STEM activity - Thurs 2 Oct

10:30am - 12:30pm | **FREE** | Suitable for children 12+

Build it, code it, make it move!

Dive into STEM fun with the 32-in-1 micro:bit Wonder Building Kit. With endless ways to build and code, tech assistants will be on-hand to help with creating cool gadgets, silly machines, and so much more!

[Limited places. Bookings essential.](#)



Treasure Box Decorating with Bunnings - Thurs 2 Oct

2 - 3pm | **FREE** | Suitable for children 3 - 12

Get creative and design your very own treasure chest! Use colourful paints, glittery gems, and sparkly decorations to make a magical box that's as unique as you are. Perfect for storing keepsakes, secret treasures, or giving as a special gift. Let your imagination shine!

[Bookings essential.](#)



Crafternoon Fun! - Friday, 3 Oct

2 - 4pm | **FREE** | Suitable for primary school age children +

Get creative these school holidays with a fun-filled Crafternoon session! There'll be a range of exciting and engaging activities for children to enjoy, with something for every kind of creative mind. Each project is unique, full of personality, and designed to inspire imagination and self-expression. All materials are provided—just bring your creativity and let the fun begin!



 - Youth friendly activities and workshops. **Please note:** Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Married young. Finally divorced. Turning thirty ...

What Did I Miss?

'Hilarious and heartfelt.
Get ready to fall hard'

NATALIE MURRAY

'Funny and flirty and
full of heart'

MICHELLE UPTON

Holly Brunnbauer



'What Did I Miss?' : Book launch & discussion with Author Holly Brunnbauer

Holly Brunnbauer writes stories filled with heart, humour and hijinks. Known for her punchy rom-com style and quirky characters, she brings big laughs and even bigger feels to the page.

A former teacher-turned-blogger, Holly is now a sought-after virtual assistant for fellow authors. She lives in rural Victoria with her husband, two rambunctious boys, and one cheeky pug, all while building their off-grid dream home.

What Did I Miss? is Holly's debut novel. It was shortlisted for three national awards before being published by HarperCollins.

Join us for a Q&A, reading and discussion about her process and this title.

Where: Robinvale Library - 88 George Street Robinvale

When: Wednesday, 24 September at 4pm

Bookings preferred. Contact the Robinvale Library on 5036 2461. Afternoon tea provided.

Book signing & sales available. Books \$32.99 each.



Preparing for Book Week @ Robinvale Library

A special thanks to Our Place for inspiring these little artists in making their mask for Children's Book Week. Everyone had a lot of fun being creative!



Celebrating Book Week @ Robinvale Library

Teachers, librarians and students alike all had a lot of fun dressing up as their favourite characters and wearing their masks for Children's Book Week. They also had a chance to get creative, making their very own octopus to take home!



ROBINVALE LIBRARY BOARD GAMES SESSIONS

Fortnightly board game sessions are held at the Robinvale Library. All ages are welcome.

Bring some friends with you or make some new ones!



Dates:

3 September

17 September

Time:

4pm to 6pm



Library Outreach Holiday Program

Lake Boga

Where: Lake Boga Community Garden

When: Monday 22, September 11am - 1pm

Nyah West

Where: Nyah West Park, Monash Ave

When: Wednesday 24, September 11am - 1pm

Manangatang

Where: Manangatang Park & Mallee Gardens,
Wattle Street

When: Thursday 25, September 11am - 1pm

Join the Amazing race these school holidays
Bring those thinking caps and your fast, fast legs.

All children to be actively supervised by an adult.

FREE, All Ages Events. Remember to be sun smart.




swan hill regional library

 **SWAN HILL**
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Mathoura History Group

**When
history is
gone...
it's gone.**

Join us

**Monday 15
September 2025.**

**1pm
Mathoura Visitor's
Centre Meeting
Room.**



**Come along and join
the conversation.**

**Share stories,
photographs, and
information about
Mathoura's history.**



Please show your interest by 8th September
by contacting Murray River Council or speaking
with our friendly staff at the Mathoura Visitor and
Business Centre.

Free tea & coffee provided.

1300 087 004


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Barham Library

Opening hours:

Tuesday: 11am – 4pm

Thursday: 10am – 2pm

Friday: 11am – 4pm

Saturday: 9am – 12pm

Mathoura Library Visitor & Information Centre

Opening hours:

Monday- Thursday:
10:00am-4.00 pm

Friday: Closed

Moulamein Library

Opening hours:

Tuesday: 2pm – 5pm

Wednesday: 2pm –
5pm

Thursday: 2pm - 5pm

Mathoura Library News

Mathoura Preschool recently visited the Mathoura Library, Visitor and Information Centre to celebrate Children's Book Week. Children learnt about the library and listened to some fun stories before creating their very own book.

The children also got to take home a Murray River Council drink bottle and a seed growing kit to grow at preschool. It was great seeing all the preschoolers enjoy their visit to the library!

A poster for story time at the Barham Library. The poster features a blue background with a butterfly illustration. The text reads: "FREE ACTIVITY FOR KIDS", "Story time at the Barham Library", "Join us for story time in the Barham Library as we read SEED TO SKY Life in the Daintree", "Saturday 13 September 10.30am - 11.30am.", "After the story we will celebrate the arrival of Spring by making a 3D wooden flower bed!", "All ages welcome. Call into the Library for more info or call 1300 087 004.", and "murray river council". There is also an illustration of a book titled "SEED to SKY Life in the Daintree" by Pamela Freeman and Liz Anelli.

Barham Library News

Move & Groove

Move & Groove on Thursdays was enjoyed in August by children joining in songs and dancing, with some lovely stories read by Joy, our wonderful volunteer (*pictured right*). They also created some beautiful craft. Move & Groove is on every Thursday morning at 10.30am.

Saturday Storytime

Saturday Storytime will be on 13 September, when we will welcome Spring in with a special story "Seed to Sky – Life in the Daintree" by Pamela Freeman & Liz Anelli. This will be followed by a craft activity to create a 3D wooden flowerbed (*see flyer opposite*).

Social Book Chat

The Social Book Chat group meets every Tuesday morning at 10.00am and enjoys catching up on what everyone is reading and lots of discussion on current events in our lovely warm library.

Everyone is welcome to join in and morning tea is provided.

Barham & Koondrook PS books on display

The Barham Library is currently hosting the beautiful books created by the students of the Barham Public School and the Koondrook Primary School for Children's Book Week. Everyone is invited to drop in and have a look at the student's work.

Cryptic Crossword Fun!

The Cryptic Crossword workshops have been running every Friday afternoon at 1.30pm. Participants are enjoying learning the tricks to easily solve these elusive puzzles whilst enjoying each other's company. Afternoon tea is provided.



School holiday program

Stay tuned for the school holiday activities program!



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BARHAM LIBRARY

Social Book Chat

Every Tuesday at 11am

Bring along a coffee and the book you're currently reading (instant coffee is also available).

Chat about what's a good read or just listen in.

Move and Groove

Thursday at 10.30am

Songs, dance, storytime and craft for toddlers and pre-schoolers!

Saturday Storytime

Second Saturday of the month at 10.30 am

Storytime and craft in a fun learning environment.

Cryptic Crosswords

Friday at 1.30pm. Ipads are available for use. Afternoon tea supplied.

Nourishing Little Minds @ the Swan Hill Library

Swan Hill District Community Health & Swan Hill Regional Library ran a four week 'Nourishing Little Minds' program at the Swan Hill Library during July and August, helping young children explore and enjoy healthy food. The program included stories and interactive songs and rhymes. Food preparation and tasting was provided by an Accredited Practicing Dietician.



Science Week: 'Reel Respect - Fish Smart, Keep it Clean.'



Michelle Slater from [OzFish Unlimited](#) and Lubin Pfeiffer from [The Full Scale - Fishing Adventures](#), recently shared valuable insights at a Science Week event at the Swan Hill Library into sustainable fishing and waterway preservation.



Above: Lubin Pfeiffer pictured with Rebecca Orlando and Bryan Edge.

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